

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 31-85 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims to the application.

--86. A method for determining the presence or amount of a nucleic acid A, comprising: (a) forming a triple stranded complex between said nucleic acid A, a nucleic acid A binding probe B, said nucleic acid A binding probe B having a base sequence and a binding region which binds to nucleic acid A, and a nucleic acid A binding probe C, wherein said nucleic acid A binding probe C comprises one or more parts which bind to different regions of nucleic acid A, and said nucleic acid A binding probe C comprises a base sequence different from the base sequence of nucleic acid A binding probe B, wherein said nucleic acid A binding probe C binds to a region of nucleic acid A which is longer than the binding region of nucleic acid A binding probe B; and (b) determining the